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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF SALONIKA AIRWAY

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IN COURSE OF COURTESY CALL BY GREEK AMBASSADOR PHRYDAS IN HIS
CAPACITY AS HEAD OF GREEK MILITARY MISSION, ACTING
COMMDANT RAISED CONTINUED CLOSURE OF
SALONIKA AIRWAY IN CONTEXT OF ALLIED INTERST IN
HAVING WEST BERLINERS PROVIDED WITH MAXIMIM OPPORTUNITIES
FOR AIR TRAVEL. (WHEN CLOSURE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED
INFORMALLY TO DEPUTY HEAD GREEK MILITARY MISSION, LATTER
INDICATED HE HAD ALSO BEEN APPROACHED BY SENAT AND
HAD SO REPORTED TO HIS EMBASSY IN BONN.) BULGARIAN
REFUSAL OF OVERLIGHT RIGHTS FOR DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM
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WEST BERLIN WAS ACKNOWLEDGED IN BOTH

CONVERSATIONS AS CLEAR VIOLATION OF
ICAO CONVENTION, BUT HOPE WAS EXPRESSED THAT GREEK
GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE MORE KINDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD
WEST BERLIN INTERESTS. AMBASSADOR PHRYDAS SAID HIS
GOVERNMENT HAD INTEREST OF WEST BERLIN AT HEART BUT
OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS OF GREEK SOVEREIGNTY WERE
AT STAKE AND THERE WAS NO CHANCE GREEK GOVERNMENT
WOULD REMOVE THEIR RESTRICTIONS UNTIL TURKS SIMULTANEOUSLY
RESCINDED NOTA CLOSING OFF AREA OF AEGEAN PROPERLY
UNDER GREEK CONTROL. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT
HAD APPROACHED ICAO WITH REQUEST THAT IT INTERVENE
WITH TRUKISH GOVERNMENT TO SECURE
SIMULTANEOUS LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS.SELIGMANN

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